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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1591

Offered January 13, 1999

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 3 as amended of Chapter 473 of the Acts of Assembly of 1920, which provided a charter for the Town of Mount Crawford in Rockingham County, and to repeal the third enactment of Chapter 713 of the Acts of Assembly of 1998, relating to town elections.*

Patrons—Landes; Senator: Hanger

Referred to Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 3 as amended of Chapter 473 of the Acts of Assembly of 1920 is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 3. The government of said town shall be vested in a mayor and six councilmen, who shall be residents of and voters in said town to be chosen by ballot on the first Tuesday in ~~May~~ *November* as hereafter provided, their term of office to begin on the first day of ~~July~~ *January* following their election. The said council and mayor shall be elected as follows: At the regular municipal election to be held on the first Tuesday in ~~May~~, 1974, the mayor and six councilmen shall be elected. The mayor shall be elected for a term of two years. The three councilmen, each of whom has received more votes in said election than each of the other members, shall serve as members of the council for terms of four years each. The three remaining councilmen shall serve for a term of two years each. At the regular municipal election to be held on the first Tuesday of May, 1976, and every two years thereafter, three councilmen shall be elected for terms of four years each. Terms of office shall begin on the first day of July next following their election, and Councilmen shall be elected for terms of four years. In order to transition from a May to November election date, any mayor or councilman elected in 1994 for a four-year term, or in 1996 for a two-year term, shall hold office until his successor has qualified. His successor shall be elected on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1998 and shall take office on the January 1 following his election. Any councilman elected in 1996 for a four-year term shall hold office until his successor has qualified. His successor shall be elected on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2000 and shall take office on the January 1 following his election. ~~each~~ Each councilman and the mayor elected as provided herein shall serve for the term stated or until his successor has been elected and qualified. Any person entitled to vote in the county of Rockingham, and residing in the corporate limits of the town of Mount Crawford, shall be entitled to vote at all elections under this act of incorporation. In case a vacancy shall occur In any municipal office, the council shall elect a qualified person to fill the office for the unexpired term. The mayor and councilmen of said town, before entering upon the duties of their offices, shall be sworn in accordance with the laws of the ~~State~~ *Commonwealth*. At the first meeting of the council following qualification of each newly elected mayor, the council shall select from ~~their~~ *its* own number a vice-mayor who shall serve at the pleasure of the council. The vice-mayor shall act as mayor during the mayor's absence or disability and shall retain his right to vote. The mayor and three of the councilmen shall constitute a quorum to do business. They shall appoint their time of meeting, which shall be once at least in every month, and when necessary the mayor or any three councilmen may call a meeting. In the absence of the mayor or vice-mayor, one of the councilmen shall preside as mayor pro tempore. The mayor and the council shall have and exercise all the rights and powers conferred upon said officers by this act until their successors in office are duly elected and qualified under the provisions of this act.

**2. That the third enactment of Chapter 713 of the Acts of Assembly of 1998 is repealed.**

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